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SUBJECT: GON BRACES FOR SOUTH MOLUCCAN DEMONSTRATIONS

1. APRIL 25 MARKS 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE "REPUBLIC OF SOUTH MOLUCCAS." MOLUCCAN COMMUNITY IN THE NETHERLANDS (WHICH NUMBERS SOME 35,000) PLANS CELEBRATE EVENT IN THE HAGUE, AND ESTIMATES OF NUMBERS TO PARTICIPATE HAVE RANGED UP TO 10,000.

2. IN VIEW OF INCREASINGLY MILITANT ACTIONS OF MOLUCCANS --A MARCH ON THE INDONESIAN CHANCERY (WHICH TWO DOORS AWAY FROM US AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE) LAST DECEMBER GOT OUT OF HAND AND CAUSED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO PEACE PALACE, AND DISCOVERY EARLIER IN APRIL OF WELL-DEVELOPED PLOT TO STORM SOESTDIJK PALACE AND HOLD QUEEN HOSTAGE-- DUTCH AUTHORITIES TREATING APRIL 25 EVENTS WITH GREAT CAUTION. A MARCH IN THE HAGUE HAS BEEN DISAPPROVED, DUTCH POLICE HAVE BEEFED UP THEIR NORMAL PATROLS AND 820 PARA-MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM MARECHAUSSEE ARE IN CITY. INDONESIAN CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE WHICH HAVE HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MARECHAUSSEE GUARDS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS HAVE LARGE FORCES

ON DUTY.

3. DURING RECENT WEEKS DUTCH HAVE ARRESTED 20 OF THE LEADING TROUBLEMAKERS IN MOLUCCAN COMMUNITY. AUTHORITIES EXPECT SOME MOLUCCANS WILL MARCH ON APRIL 25 DESPITE LACK OF PERMIT, BUT BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL CAUSE NO GREAT PROBLEM.

4. REPUBLIC OF SOUTH MOLUCCAS (REPUBLIC MALUKU SELATAN) PROCLAIMED APRIL 25, 1950 AT TIME INDONESIA FOUNDED. MOLUCCAN MEMBERS OF DUTCH COLONIAL ARMY WHO WERE STATIONED ELSEWHERE IN INDONESIA REFUSED RETURN TO THEIR "OCCUPIED" HOMELAND, AND IN 1951 SOME 12,000 MOLUCCAN SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES CAME TO NETHS ON TEMPORARY BASIS. SEVERAL MOLUCCAN EXILE GROUPS HAVE BEEN FORMED INCLUDING AT LEAST TWO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WHICH SEEK OBTAIN THEIR GOALS THROUGH VIOLENT ACTION.
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